

UTILITIES DIVISION[199]

Notice of Termination

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b,” the Utilities Board (Board) gives notice that on March 26, 2009, the Board issued an order in Docket No. RMU-2009-0001, In re: Amendments to Incident and Outage Notification Requirements for Natural Gas and Electric Utilities and Establishing Notification Rules for Electric Transmission Companies [199 IAC 19.17 and 20.19], “Order Terminating Rule Making.” On February 2, 2009, the Board issued an order commencing a rule making to consider amending its notification requirements for natural gas and electric utilities when incidents or outages occur that meet certain criteria and a new rule to require notification in certain instances by electric transmission companies in Iowa. The proposed amendments and new rule were published in IAB Vol. XXXI, No. 18 (2/25/09) p. 1884, as **ARC 7585B**.

Written comments concerning the proposed amendments and new rule were filed by the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice, MidAmerican Energy Company, the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives, Interstate Power and Light Company, and ITC Midwest LLC. To allow for oral comments and Board questions of interested parties, the Board had scheduled an oral presentation for March 26, 2009.

On March 23, 2009, the Board issued an order canceling the oral presentation scheduled for March 26, 2009. In the order, the Board stated that the comments from the utilities demonstrated that the proposed amendments and new rule would not accomplish the intended improvement in notification of incidents and outages. The Board indicated that it would terminate the rule making and would schedule informal discussions with the affected utilities to address the problems encountered with the existing notification rules.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b,” the Board hereby terminates the rule making initiated in **ARC 7585B**.